

BRYAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: NEEDS ASSESSMENT, 2010

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The information you provide will assist the City of Bryan with their 5 year Consolidated Plan. The City's Community Development Services Department receives federal funds, primarily for programs to serve low & moderate income individuals or families. Some eligible activities include housing programs (owner occupied major rehabilitation/reconstruction, minor repairs, home buyers assistance, and housing developments); public service funding (non profits who provide health and social services to at least 51% low and moderate income persons); infrastructure (park improvements, streets, water/sewer improvements in low and moderate income service boundary areas) and public facilities (construction/acquisition assistance to non profits to increase access for their clients). All answers will be confidential and will be used to assist in determining community needs and priorities in Bryan, Texas. Please complete and return to the address above via mail, fax, or email.

1. The first set of questions is about **parks** in Bryan.

Please indicate how satisfied you are according to:

Very satisfied [= 1]

Satisfied [= 2]

DIssatisfied, or [= 3]

Very DIssatisfied [= 4]

[DK = Don't Know, NA = Not Applicable]

How satisfied are you with:

- _____ 1a) Your local parks?
- _____ 1b) Personal safety in local parks?
- _____ 1c) Location of the parks?
- _____ 1d) Park benches and equipment?

2. The second set of questions has to do with possible infrastructure problems in YOUR **neighborhood**.

Please score each according to:

ALWAYS or USUALLY a problem [= 1]

SOMETIMES a problem [= 2]

RARELY or NEVER a problem. [= 3]

[DK = Don't Know, NA = Not Applicable]

In your neighborhood, how much of a problem is:

- _____ 2.1) Street lighting?
- _____ 2.2) Street maintenance?
- _____ 2.3) Curb and Gutter?
- _____ 2.4) Water & sewer connections?

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- _____ 2.5) Storm water drainage?
- _____ 2.6) Sidewalks?

The third set of questions has to do with **neighborhood** integrity related to health and safety issues.

Please score each according to:

- ALWAYS or USUALLY a problem [= 1]
- SOMETIMES a problem [= 2]
- RARELY or NEVER a problem. [= 3]
- [DK = Don't Know, NA = Not Applicable]

In your neighborhood, how much of a problem is:

- _____ 3.1) Abandoned, dilapidated houses (unsafe structures)?
- _____ 3.2) Vacant lots with junk and debris?
- _____ 3.3) Litter and trash?
- _____ 3.4) Vandalism or other suspected criminal activity?
- _____ 3.5) Occupied homes with overgrown weeds or junk?
- _____ 3.6) Occupied homes that need repairs?
- _____ 3.7) Occupied homes that appear unsafe and may need to be torn down?

4. This fourth set of questions is about local **housing** supply.

Rank according to whether housing is:

- Not enough [= 1]
- Adequate / enough [= 2]
- Too much [= 3]
- [DK = Don't Know, NA = Not Applicable]

4-A) How adequate is the supply of each type of housing in your city?

- _____ 4A.1) Single family housing?
- _____ 4A.2) Apartments / rental housing?
- _____ 4A.3) Low-income housing?
- _____ 4A.4) Emergency shelter?
- _____ 4A.5) Housing for Elderly or Special Needs?
- _____ 4A.6) Housing for Large Families?
- _____ 4A.7) Homeless Transition Housing?
- _____ 4A.7) Homeless Permanent Housing?

4-B) There are public and private assistance programs to help with housing and economic problems. How adequate are the following programs in our community?

Again, rank according to:

- Not enough [= 1]
- Adequate or enough [= 2]
- Too much [= 3]
- [DK = Don't Know, NA = Not Applicable]

How adequate are local assistance programs for:

- _____ 4B.1) Housing rehabilitation & repairs? (Low to moderate income households)

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- _____ 4B.2) Construction of affordable housing? (Low to moderate income households)
- _____ 4B.3) Elderly housing? (Low to moderate income households)
- _____ 4B.4) Housing for special needs or disabled persons?
- _____ 4B.5) Down-payment assistance? (Low to moderate income households)
- _____ 4B.6) Emergency homeless shelters?
- _____ 4B.7) Demolition and clearance of dilapidated structures?
- _____ 4B.8) Economic development business loans? (Low to moderate income job creation)
- _____ 4B.9) Job assistance (such as technical training, interviewing or job placement)?

5. The fifth set of questions has to do with fair housing in our community.

5-A. In YOUR OPINION, is housing available to ALL citizens regardless of:

YES NO DK/NA

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5A.1) Race? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5A.2) Gender? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5A.3) Ethnicity? [e.g., Hispanic, Latino] |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5A.4) Religion? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5A.5) Marital status? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5A.6) Family size? [e.g., any or number of children] |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5A.7) Disability status? [e.g., physical or mental handicap] |

5-B. Have you or a member of your family experienced any of the following housing discrimination because of your color, religion, gender, marital status, disability, or size of household?

YES NO DK/NA

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5B.1) Refusal to sell or rent? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5B.2) Setting different conditions for the sale or rental? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5B.3) Claims that the property is not for sale or rent? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5B.4) Refusal of financing? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5B.5) Only selected homes or neighborhoods shown? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5B.6) Other _____ |
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5-C. Have you or a member of your household experienced any of the following problems buying or renting a home in town?

YES NO DK/NA

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5C.1) Unable to afford rent or payment? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5C.2) No money for deposit? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5C.3) No money for down-payment? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5C.4) Bad credit? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5C.5) Could not get a loan? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5C.6) Discrimination? |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 5C.7) Other _____ |
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6. The sixth set of questions has to do with **health and human service programs** in our community.

First, tell me whether *you or a member in your household* needed assistance with any of these categories in the past year.

Then, if you needed assistance and sought help through a program, indicate if the program(s) you used was adequate for meeting your needs.

HELP FOR:	6-A) NEEDS			6-B) ADEQUATE				
	Yes	No	DK/NA	If Yes:	Not Used	Adeq	Not Adeq	DK
6.1) Food								
6.2) Shelter								
6.3) Utilities								
6.4) Transportation								
6.5) Alcohol or drug abuse								
6.6) Family violence								
6.7) Employment								
6.8) Mental health or Retardation problems								
6.9) Physical disabilities								
6.10) Elderly care & needs								
6.11) Youth care & needs								
6.12) Speaking English								
6.13) Reading or writing								
6.14) Adult health care								
6.15) Child health care								
6.16) Dental care								
6.17) Prescriptions								
6.18) Legal assistance								
6.19) Assistance with rent								
6.20) Housing Repairs								
6.21) Home buyer's assistance								
DK- don't know	Adeq- Adequate		NA	Not Applicable				

7. This next set of questions asks about how important each of the following projects or services are for the future of your neighborhood or the city? This helps us set priorities to plan for the more important projects.

Rank according to whether each is:

VERY important [= 1]

Important [= 2]

NOT important [= 3]

- _____ 7.1) Senior citizen centers?
- _____ 7.2) Youth centers?
- _____ 7.3) Child care centers?
- _____ 7.4) Other public centers _____ (write in)
- _____ 7.5) Services for people with disabilities?
- _____ 7.6) Making facilities accessible to people with disabilities?
- _____ 7.7) Sidewalk improvements?
- _____ 7.8) Housing programs for low and moderate income individuals and families
Rehabilitation/reconstruction, homebuyers, housing developments)?
- _____ 7.9) Parks and playgrounds?
- _____ 7.10) Removal of substandard buildings?
- _____ 7.11) Providing access to health and social services?
- _____ 7.12) Housing for the homeless population (emergency shelters, transitional and permanent)
- _____ 7.13) Infrastructure improvements?
- _____ 7.14) Neighborhood crime prevention & police protection?

8. The eight set of questions is about your current home/place of residence. Check one only, each category.

8.1) What type of residence do you live in currently?

House

Apartment/Condo

_____ One story house

_____ Low-rise (1-4 stories)

_____ Two-story house

_____ Townhouse or row house

_____ Three-story or more

_____ Duplex, Triplex, Quadraplex

_____ Manufactured or Mobile home

_____ Other

8.2) Where you are living now, do you:

_____ Own

_____ Rent

_____ Staying with a friend or family member

8.3) If you own your home, does your home need any rehabilitation?

_____ Yes

_____ No

8.4) If your home needs some repairs would you consider the repairs to be minor or major?

_____ Minor (at risk for safety or health reasons for one or two issues such as plumbing
leaks, weatherization, wheelchair accessibility, roof damage etc.).

_____ Major (3 or more issues that would require substantial repairs).

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8.5) Do you consider your home energy efficient (double paned windows, energy efficient appliances, adequate insulation, no leaks around doors/windows, etc.)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't Know

9. This LAST set of questions is about your household. These questions are VERY important to help us make recommendations to get funding for community projects.

9.1) Please indicate the approximate neighborhood area you live in:

- ☐ Northwest Bryan (boundaries north of Highway 21, north of William Joel Bryan up to Texas Avenue;
☐ Southwest Bryan (boundaries south of Highway 21, south of William Joel Bryan west to North Harvey Mitchell and east up to Finfeather);
☐ Northeast Bryan (boundaries east of Texas Avenue and north of William Joel Bryan to N. Earl Rudder Freeway;
☐ Southeast Bryan (boundaries east of Texas Avenue, south of William Joel Bryan extending to Villa Maria Rd.
☐ Other _____

9.2) How many people in your household are:

- ☐ Under 18 years old?
☐ Between 19 and 61 years old?
☐ 62 or older?

9.3) Please indicate race below. How many in your household are:

- ☐ African-American?
☐ White?
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander?
☐ Native American?
☐ Other races or combinations (please write in, if needed)

9.4) This question addressing ethnicity -how many in your household are **Hispanic** or Latino? _____

9.5) Finally, this LAST question is to get an idea of the yearly **income** for your household – please circle the number of people in the household and circle the highest level of income category that the household would be in (example: 3 people, \$25,000 total income would circle 3 and on the same line also circle \$25,250<).

# per House- Hold	30% or < Median Inc	50% of Median Inc	80% of Median Inc	> 80% Median Inc.
1	\$11,800 or <	\$19,650 or <	\$31,450 or <	> \$31,450
2	\$13,500 or <	\$22,450 or <	\$35,900 or <	> \$35,900
3	\$15,150 or <	\$25,250 or <	\$40,400 or <	> \$40,400
4	\$16,850 or <	\$28,050 or <	\$44,900 or <	> \$44,900

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5	\$18,200 or <	\$30,300 or <	\$48,500 or <	> \$48,500
6	\$19,550 or <	\$32,550 or <	\$52,100 or <	> \$52,100
7	\$20,900 or <	\$34,800 or <	\$55,700 or <	> \$55,700
8	\$22,250 or <	\$37,050 or <	\$59,250 or <	> \$59,250

General Comments:

Thank you! For more information about the City of Bryan's Community Development Services 5 Year Consolidated Plan - please visit our website for more information:

<http://www.bryantx.gov/departments/?name=community>